

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS ARE HERE FOR FOUR TUSSLES WITH McBRIDE'S GRIFFS

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Now for the dirt-r-rty work! Tris Speaker and his world's champion Cleveland Indians are here for four battles with George McBride's aspiring Griffins. The home boys, remembering their three victories in four contests in Cleveland a few weeks ago, believe they can repeat that trick at Georgia avenue. If they do they will have gained two whole games on the Indians and will be dangerously close to the New York Yankees for the honor of leading the American League race. The Griffins had one brief taste of league leadership this season and they would like more of the same.

The Griffins rushed into first place for one day late in April. They were battling the Yankees at the Polo grounds. The Yankees are not especially powerful, according to the Griffins. Neither are the Indians, according to the same authorities.

Manager McBride has four pitchers all groomed for the champions. George Mogridge, Jessebel Tecumseh Zachary, Olaf Erickson and J. Gruntshaw may be the leads to go against the titleholders. The first two are in wonderful form. Erickson does his best work against the Indians. Shaw has also looked impressive when facing the Cleveland gang.

WABBY IN LINDUP.

Bill Wabby, recovering from the broken wrist which took him out of the lineup early this spring, is back in the game again, roving around second base for the champions. This means that Tris Speaker will have his regulars playing against the Griffins from the opening bell.

Steve O'Neill, though, will not be seen behind the bat, and this means that the Cleveland pitchers will hardly be as effective as they usually are. No other catcher on the roster can replace the veteran O'Neill.

The Indians' star backstop is on the injured list and is not expected to return to the line-up for several weeks yet. During his absence, Ted Thomas, the bloke with the barrel voice, and Leslie Nunamaker, the worst-perking catcher known to fame, will have to do the heavy work behind the plate. The speed boys on the Washington club should have a lot of fun for the next four days, running wild on the paths.

The Griffins now have nine more games at home before hitting the pike. First come four with the Indians. Then the St. Louis Browns, always tough potatoes for the Griffins, will appear for five.

WILL MOVE AWAY.

Following the final game with the Browns on June 19, the Griffins will move away. On the next day they will be at Shibe Park, opening a four-day stop with the Mackmen. Then they will move to more days at the Polo grounds, battling Miller Huggins' high-priced Yankees.

On June 29 the Mackmen will open a series here, running until July 5. Then the Griffins will be on the road until July 26, when the Chicago White Sox appear for their second series in the Capital.

The Tigers made an even split here by taking the last game of the season. Thus the Tigers and the Griffins are just where they were last Tuesday before the series started. Furthermore, as the Indians also came to life for an even break against the Yankees, all the interesting teams merely postponed the scrap for four days, that's all.

Today the Griffins will sink their teeth into the Yankees. Babe Ruth and all, while the Indians will be seeking to scalp George McBride's young men. Much may happen to the league standings in the next four days. Also it is possible that nothing may happen.

ERROR BRINGS TWO.

The Griffins hopped out in front in the second inning when Miller, picking off Shanks singled and Jones, walked off Gruffy's drive, hit Miller on his broad back as he dug for the plate. The ball rolled to the stand and both Miller and Shanks tallied.

In the next frame Harris walked with one out, went up on Rice's hit, reached third as Brower was forcing Rice, and scored on Bing Miller's sturdy slam to left. And that was the last run of the day for the Griffins. They could do little or nothing with "Hokey" Daus when hits meant runs.

Bobby Veach's drive over the right-field wall in the fourth accounted for the Tigers' first run. Heilmann, who had been in the center field, and Jones' infield out sent the second one over in the sixth. The tying tally came in the seventh, when Bush tripped to left center and Cobb followed with an infield hit.

THEN COMES THREE.

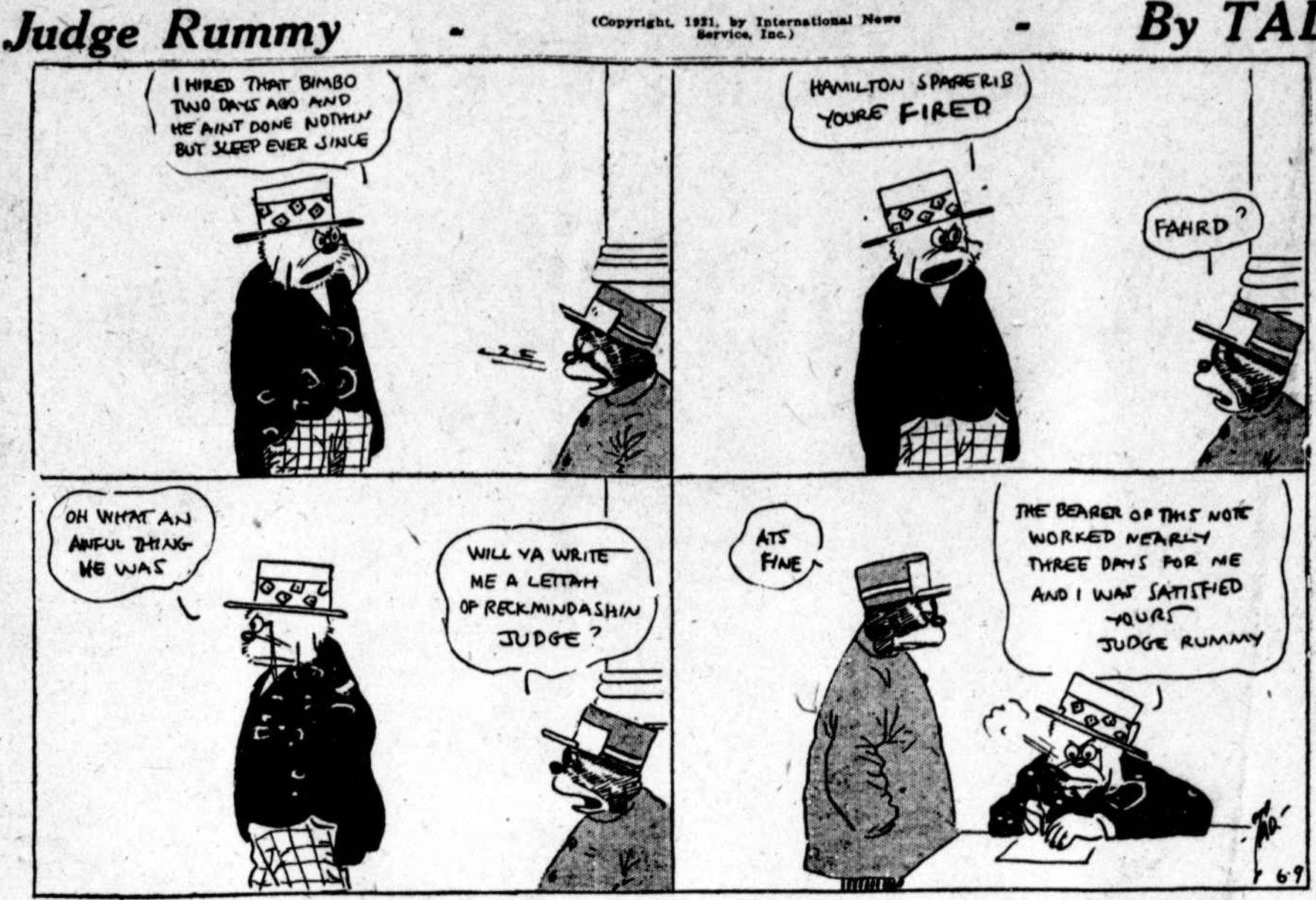
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PAT GHARRYTY SLAMMING AGATE TO TUNE OF .363

Pat Gruffy's clouting, which has been consistent and timely of late, has shoved the Griffins' sturdy backstop up to a mark of .363. Gruffy is easily the best batsman on the Washington team. He has smashed out 54 clean hits in his first 47 games, scoring 32 runs. Joe Judge, with an average of .338, is running along in second place behind Gruffy, while Turkey Brower's .319 gives him third place.

Harry Heilmann is on the longest batting streak in the majors at the present. Heilmann, who leads his league in batting, has gotten one or more hits in each of his last twenty-one games to date, and his streak remains unbroken.

During his prolonged siege of hitting, Harry punched out thirty-eight hits in his twenty-two batting trials for a percentage of .412. Heilmann is also on an unbroken run-scoring streak. During his last eleven games Harry scored seventeen runs.

Ty Cobb, the Tigers' manager, leads the run-scorers with fifty-six tallies. Cobb also leads in most hits, with eighty-seven.

Babe Ruth, of the Yankees, occupied home run honors with sixteen circuit smashes.

Stanley Harris, of the Senators, shows the way along the base paths with fourteen stolen bases, and Urban Faber, of the White Sox, heads the hurriers with twenty-two bases.

Following are the latest figures for all games up to Wednesday of this season:

Player	Club	G	A	R	H	R	B	P	BA
Burns	Clev.	24	62	23	30	0	2	484	.484
Bush	Bos.	11	15	7	0	0	0	.467	
Shanks	Ind.	12	18	10	0	0	0	.444	
Sutherland	Det.	14	23	10	0	0	0	.435	
Wood	Clev.	17	18	21	0	0	0	.430	
Collins	Ind.	12	17	6	0	0	0	.412	
Speaker	Clev.	40	144	58	0	0	0	.403	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	12	0	0	0	.387	
Severid	St. L.	45	140	53	0	0	0	.378	
Shurtin	Det.	48	124	47	0	0	0	.379	
Sargent	Ind.	19	39	7	0	0	0	.368	
Uble	Clev.	19	44	16	0	0	0	.364	
Gruffy	Wash.	47	129	47	0	0	0	.363	
Jones	Det.	40	108	39	0	0	0	.361	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	11	0	0	0	.355	
Collins	Ind.	12	34	12	0	0	0	.353	
Walker	Phil.	24	71	25	0	0	0	.352	
Johnson	Det.	48	124	43	0	0	0	.351	
Ruth	N. Y.	48	139	50	0	0	0	.354	
Stephenson	Clev.	48	129	45	0	0	0	.349	
Jones	Bos.	12	34	12	0	0	0	.349	
Welch	Phil.	43	129	44	0	0	0	.341	
Judge	Wash.	51	130	45	0	0	0	.341	
Veach	Ind.	12	31	10	0	0	0	.323	
Witt	Phil.	48	125	37	0	0	0	.325	
Smith	Ind.	12	31	10	0	0	0	.323	
Harris	Phil.	48	124	40	0	0	0	.323	
O'Neill	Clev.	41	126	41	0	0	0	.321	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	10	0	0	0	.321	
Johnson	Clev.	40	147	20	0	0	0	.287	
Flagstead	Det.	22	52	10	0	0	0	.227	
Rice	Ind.	12	34	8	0	0	0	.235	
Pratt	Bos.	41	151	37	0	0	0	.245	
Hawkins	N. Y.	34	84	11	0	0	0	.224	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	7	0	0	0	.226	
Brower	Wash.	36	94	20	0	0	0	.213	
Shanks	Ind.	12	31	6	0	0	0	.194	
Hooper	Ind.	46	126	24	0	0	0	.190	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	6	0	0	0	.194	
Palmer	St. L.	11	26	5	0	0	0	.192	
Strunk	Ind.	12	34	17	0	0	0	.234	
Gerard	Ind.	49	129	29	0	0	0	.224	
Maya	N. Y.	15	48	10	0	0	0	.208	
Harris	Wash.	51	138	31	0	0	0	.224	
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Ward	N. Y.	48	128	28	0	0	0	.219	
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Bush	Det.	48	124	26	0	0	0	.210	
Gerard	Ind.	49	129	29	0	0	0	.224	
Messert	N. Y.	48	128	24	0	0	0	.200	
Woodall	Det.	10	16	0	0	0	0	.000	
Shank	Ind.	12	31	6	0	0	0	.194	
Bevell	Clev.	49	131	30	0	0	0	.229	
Taylor	Ind.	12	31	7	0	0	0	.226	
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